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RECORD WANTED BY COMMISSION WAS DESTROYED

"Any person who shall wilfully make any false entry in the acounts of any book of accounts or a nay record or memoranda kept by a carrier, or who shall wilfully lestroy, mutilate, alier, or by any ither means or device falsify the ecord of any such account, record ir memoranda, or who shall wilfully neglect or fall to make full, true and correct entries in such accounts, records or memoranda of all facts and transactions appertaining to the arrier's business, or shall keep any other secounts, records or memoranda than those prescribed or approved by the commission, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor und shall be subject, upon conviction in any court of the United States of competent jurisdiction, to a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for a term not less than one year nor more than three years, or both such me and imprisonment."—Section of interstate commerce law read by Commissioner Lane to Auditor Ens.

K. Lane, of the Interstate Commerce

which astounded Comr Lane and forced him there conduct the examination per-

was no hint of the impending to the scale in effect in Octobent when Edward M. Thomas, No conclusion was reached. clerk to the auditor of disbursements, was called to the stand. The court room was crowded, not with a morbid, curious crowd of spectators, but with

CALLAO, February 20.—The American battleships under Rear-Admiral Evans, looking clean and trim and powerful, in the tropical sun, came

to anchor in this port soon after 8

clock this morning.

The booming of the salutes announced the arival of the fleet, but there was no need to send out signals, for every resident of Callao and

officers to-morrow, and Washington's birthday will be made a gala occa-sion. The fleet had a successful and

NO GENERAL WAGE REDUCTION

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WASHINGTON. February 20.—Industrial and financial circles have been more and financial circles have been more or less concerned to-day over what they regard as a prospect that the radiroads of the country have in contemplation a general reduction in the wages of their employes.

Such apprehension is practically groundless. Information which has a confession of Councilman Gates on Wednesday was dragged of the control of the first that the sensational confession of Councilman Gates on Wednesday was dragged terrified witnesses yesterday in earling of Chesapeake and Ohio charges before Hon. Franklin the, of the Interstate Commerce dission.

The very moment when the inverse of the country which may be affected is the intention of the officials of the country which may be affected is the intention of the officials of the government of the discovery that important regulations are least of the wage seales and the case will now be tried on its merits.

WASHINGTON, February 20.—Indus over the first and financial circles have been more than the sear of least over the radio of the country have in the country have in the region of the Illinois Central, Judge E. E. Farrar, of New Orleans, who has acted as leading counsel for Mr. Fish the throughout the controversy, said to day after the rendering of the decision of the the case will now be tried on its merits.

None of the principals in the case were in court, both Mr. Fish and Mr. Harriman being in New York. President Harriman being in New York. President Harriman being in New York. President Harriman being in New Fork. Harriman being in New York. President Harriman being in N

WILL LABOR FOR PEACE

Burned by Order of Auditor
Enslow Because It Was
"In the Way."

NEW SENSATIONS IN
C. & O. REBATE CASES
Other Firms Than Johnston's Now Involved—Confidence in Railway Shattered, Witnesses Say—Trying to Reach Local Head of Freight Department.

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Railroad Securities Company, of New Jersey, can be voted at the annual meeting of the Illinois Central, which is to be held in this city on March 2d.

Fish to Continue Fight.
There is no appeal from the decision handed down to day by Judge Ball, but it is considered probable that Mr. Fish ssion of the Illinois Central, Judge

CALLAO WELCOMES FLEET Immense Crowd Assembles to Greet Ships—Evans Still in Command. FISH LOSES FIGHT; TO REMOVE TAX

The Name of Harriman One to Rhea Committee About Ready to Make Its Report-Final Rush to Get New Bills In-Many Measures Passed in Lower Branch Yesterday.

> BY LEWIS H. MACHEN.
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> UBLIC interest was focused upon the Blackstone investigation at had been summoned by the prosecu-

far as the Courts Committee is con-corned. Interest in the hearing is at concert pitch, and all the sessions have been largely attended by the public, and, when possible, by the members of the Legislature.

some compromise figure

MARCH OF THE IDLE

Drivers Who Attempt to Force Way Through Column Pulled from Seats and Roughly Used-Three Policemen and an Innocent Spectator Shot.

demands upon Mayor Revburn for work, precipitated a riot in Broad Street, in the heart of the city, late this afternoon, in which twenty per-sons were injured before the police, by picturesque and heroic methods, dis-persed the marchers and arrested four-

o reached Broad Street, a few blocks below the City Hall, several wagons attempled to pass through the line and
the drivers were dragged from their
seats by the marchers and badly
beaten.
Policemen ran to the rescue of the
drivers, and a riot call

drivers, and a riot call was sent in. The motor bicycle police were sent Naturally the withdrawal of so many members of the House has crippled the work of a number of committees and of the body itself. Nevertheless, and all patrolmen—who were hurried to the scene in wagons and automotive the scene in wagons are scene in wagons and automotive the scene in wagons and automotive the scene in wagons are scene in wagons and automotive the scene in wagons are scene in wagons and automotive the scene in wagons are scene in wagons and automotive the scene in wagons are scene in wagons are scene in wagons and automotive the scene in wagons are scene in wagons are scene in wagons and automotive the scene in wagons are scene in wagons are scene in wagons and automotive the scene in wagons are scene in wagons are scene in wagons and automotive the scene in wagons are scene in wagons and automotive the scene in wagons are scene in wagons are scene in wagons are scene in wagons are scene in wagons and automotive the scene in wagons are six central districts were also hurried

In and Mrs. Roosevelt Brilliant Affair.

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NEW YORK, February 20.—The National Bank of North America, one of the series of State receptions at the White House to-night, when the army and navy were the guests. The reception was largely attended, the demand for invitations, it is said, having been greater than ever before. Assisting the President and Mrs. Roosevelt were the wives of the members of the Cabinet, with the exception of Mrs. William H. Taft, wife of the Secretary of War.

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WILL VOTE STOCK

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Judge Ball Dissolves Injunction Against Harriman in Illinois Central.

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Army of Foreigners Going to Call on the Mayor Have Serious Trouble.

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ST. Petersburg, February 20.—

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military court for the aurrender of Port Arthur, to the Japanese. General Fock, who commanded for a disciplinary offense, which was not connected with the surrender, and General Steossel, were committed to the chart the death this evening by a military court for the aurrender of Port Arthur, to the Japanese. General Fock, who commanded for a disciplinary offense, which was not connected with the surrender, and General Steossel, were committened with the surrender, and General Steossel with the surrender, and General Steossel with the surrender, and General Steossel was connected with the surrender, and General Fock, who commandant of the forteress, and Major-General Reiss, chief of staff to General Steossel, were a disciplinary offense, which was not connected with the surrender, and General Steossel was connected with the surrender, and General Steossel was connected with the surrender of a disciplinary offense, which was not connected with the surrender, and General Steossel was connected with the surrender, and General Steoss

the service.

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General Vorgdar, read the sentences amid a tense silence. By a great effort of self-control. General Stoessel maintained a rigid soldier-like impassivity. General Smirnoff also was seemingly unmoved, but there were tears in the eyes of General Reiss.

The sentence of death was pronounced upon General Stoessel, "for surrendering the fortress before all the means of defense had been exhausted, for falling to enforce his authority and for military misdemeanors."

Commutation of the sentence was asked on the ground that "Port Arthur best by overwhelming forces defended itself under General Stoessel's leadership with unexampled stubbornness, and filled the world with a hishment at the heroic courage of its garrison;

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SAN JUAN, P. R., February 20.-ixon, a carpenter on the Am-

COUNT FOR MISS WHITNEY

LONDON, February 20.-A VI spatch to a news agency, says

ACCOMAC JUDGE IS NOW FACING HIS ACCUSERS

Blackstone Investigation Taken Up Yesterday by Committee.

REPUTATION IS BAD, WITNESSES DECLARE

Many Say Judge Was Apparently Under Influence of Whiskey, While on Bench - Testimony of Some Favorable to the Accused.

FTER holding three long ses-sions and making great pro-gress in the Blackstone investigation, the House Committee for Courts of Justice rose at 10 o'clock last night to resume the taking of testimony at 10 o'clock this morning.

Ninety-nine witnesses have terday. It did not take the committee

Judge Blackstone entered the room

ing still confined to his home by sick-

After an executive session the mittee returned, and Chairman I read the modifications agreed to.

was decided to limit the scope of the inquiry to acts of Judge Blackstone during his present term, which commenced about four years ago, and to require the prosecution to be specific as to dates concerning Judge Blackstones stone's alleged failure to open his court